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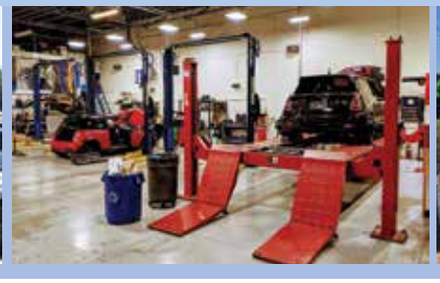

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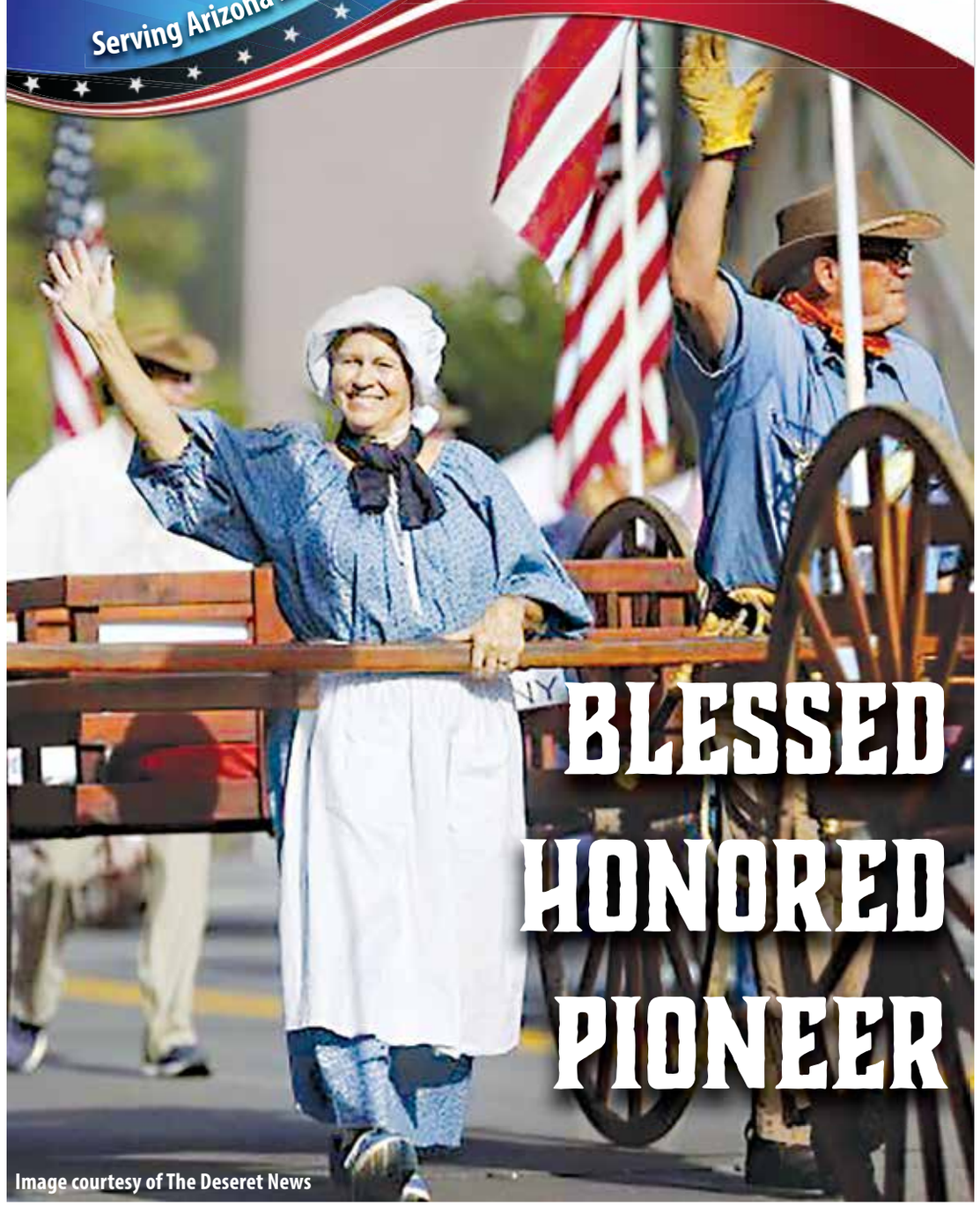

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Pioneers On Parade!

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PRESERVING MEMORY & HERITAGE

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers

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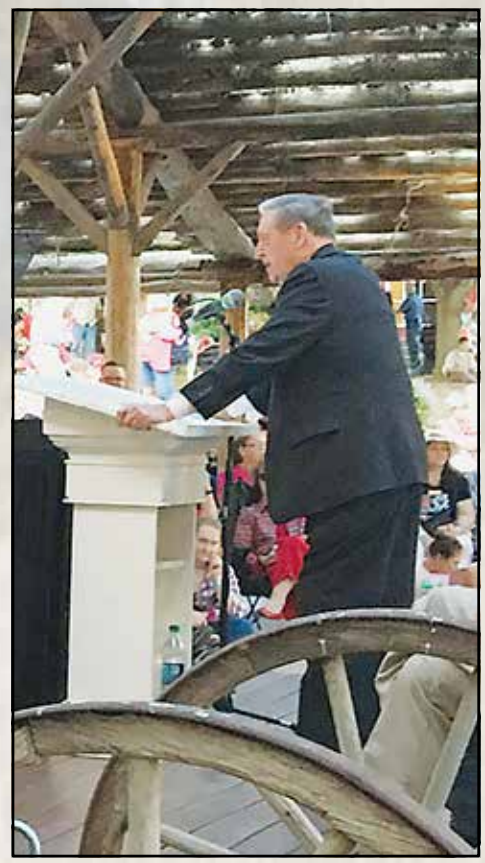
By Robin Finlinson

"I can't imagine a more satisfying or exciting agenda than what they have planned and the options they're giving for tours in the area," Elder Jeffrey R. Holland graciously told The Arizona Beehive Magazine. The beloved member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers (SUP) annual convention, known as the National Encampment. It will take place in St. George, Utah, September 7th-9th.

Participants will be treated to a workshop by famous local artist Roland Lee and local author Lyman Hafen, and entertained with live music. They'll enjoy touring places such as pioneer homes, the oldest operating chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, museums, etc. And they'll learn from Elder Steven E. Snow, emeritus General Authority Seventy and former Church historian.



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Jeffrey R. Holland addresses a group of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Many attendees will travel from states near and far. Elder Holland offers visitors to his native St. George an enticing peek of the beauty they can expect to behold. "I love everything about St. George," he said. "I love the colors: the reds, blues, pinks and purples. Everything from Pine Valley Mountain and Zion Canyon down to the Virgin River and our bordering Nevada and Arizona state lines. It's a wonderful geographic and geologic part of the world."

He will speak about the St. George Temple and Tabernacle, which are, he said, "the two legendary structures in the valley that continue to this day to show the pioneer's religious heritage and commitment to their faith."

Other SUP events are happening even sooner.

- SUPer DUPer Day is July 17th. The Daughters of Utah Pioneers join with the SUP at This Is The Place Heritage Park. The

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What's The Buzz?

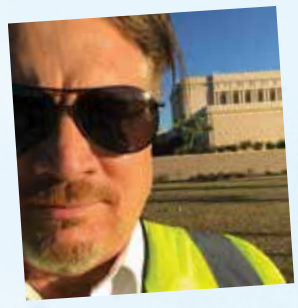
Another issue of ***The Arizona Beehive Magazine*** *printed and distributed! I took ownership of this little publication in 2017, publishing my first issue in October of that year. Time has flown through 3 election years, the Covid 19 pandemic, and straight into an economy rife with inflation. Advertising pays the bills around here, and that has suffered greatly during these times. Publishing The Arizona Beehive Magazine has become a labor of love, rather than a source of income.*

Just about the time I wonder if my relationship with this magazine is worth the effort, some little miracle or two pops up, indicating that I indeed need to keep going. Sometimes the miracle comes in the form of a new advertiser or a generous Patreon Patron. And sometimes it drops out of the sky in the form of amazing feedback.

I share with you one of those wonderful examples of why I publish this thing. And how I know the Lord wants me to keep on keepin' on. This from Kathi Ogden who is one of our absolutely wonderful writers:

"I got some nice feedback yesterday and thought I'd share it with you! I talked to a lady that attends the new Oak Branch (for people who have been previously incarcerated) and she told me that the reason she & her husband are attending there is because of the Oak Branch story that was in the Beehive last year (July/August 2022 issue). She said that her husband was recently re-baptized and that she's pretty sure it wouldn't have happened if they hadn't found that branch. She loves how welcome they feel there, and she even said she carries copies of the story with her and hands them out to people that she feels could benefit from reading it (She pulled out 3 Xeroxed copies from her bag as she related this story!)"

Kathi wrote that Oak Branch story! And she's written a follow up that appears in this issue. It humbles me greatly to understand that lives have been changed because of what we print. I get caught up in the minutia of assembling each issue and forget about the impact each issue may have on our readers.



So, onward! I am excited to see what new "miracles" occur to encourage the continued production of The Arizona Beehive Magazine. Thank you for reading...

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morning devotional's keynote speaker will be renowned businesswoman Gail Miller, wife of the late Larry H. Miller.

- The Days of '47 celebration is July 24th, commemorating the start of LDS pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley after an arduous trek of over 1,000 miles. Elder James W. McConkie III is the featured speaker of the Sunrise Service in Temple Square's Assembly Hall. Afterward, SUP members and families will pull handcarts (for a much shorter distance) in the parade.
- Brigham's Fall Family Sociable is August 19th. Come for dinner and family activities at the national headquarters.

The work of the SUP is accomplished by local chapters that establish and maintain monuments and historical markers. You've likely happened upon evidence of their excellent labors! Some chapters also do various types of volunteer service within their communities. Some award scholarships to graduating high school students who meet specific requirements.

The society's mission statement describes their purpose well: "Come to know our fathers, and turn our hearts to them. Preserve the memory and heritage of the early pioneers of the Utah Territory and the western U.S. Honor present-day pioneers worldwide who exemplify these same qualities of character. Teach these same qualities to the youth who will be tomorrow's pioneers."

Though only men and boys are SUP members, wives and daughters are welcome at national gatherings, outings called "treks" to nearby historic places and the monthly meetings of most chapters—including the one in Arizona.

Michael O'Brien, The Arizona Beehive Magazine owner and publisher, discovered the SUP thanks to an advertisement the organization placed in the magazine. He attended a meeting to be supportive and "fell in love with the people." He's now serving as the 2023 Mesa Arizona Chapter President! "As our world continues to reject personal contact in favor of digital interaction," he said, "SUP offers the opportunity for people to regularly come together to honor our God, our flag, country and heritage, to share a meal, and partake in an uplifting program or activity." The Mesa Chapter's focus includes the history of the Salt River Valley area.

2023 Mesa Arizona Chapter President Michael O'Brien speaks to local members at a recent 2nd Thursday gathering.

The national organization offers support with events that bring the chapters together—and so much more.

Besides its monthly newsletter, it publishes the beautiful, highly-informative Pioneer Magazine in print and online. In the spring, 2020 issue, discover how numerous stalwart LDS women such as Emmeline B. Wells were invaluable in the effort to achieve women's voting rights. Pore over poetry by Eliza R. Snow, Orson F. Whitney and more in the winter, 2008 issue.

"I've had many people tell me that they saw the first picture of their ancestor in our magazine or that they didn't know the story about their ancestor until they saw it on our website," said Pat Cook, the national headquarters office manager.

Nestled in the Salt Lake Valley near the mouth of Parley's Canyon in Millcreek, the headquarters is home to historical paintings, murals, sketches, maps, sculptures and artifacts like the "Bear Flag" carried by the Mormon Battalion.

The SUP library, located there, is a satellite of the Church's FamilySearch Library and is a treasure trove available to everyone!

Its holdings include the following:

- over 8,000 books, including Brigham Young's personal copy of a Bible published in 1855
- short biographies of over 8,100 individual pioneers
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"We welcome all people who are interested in history," said John Clay-

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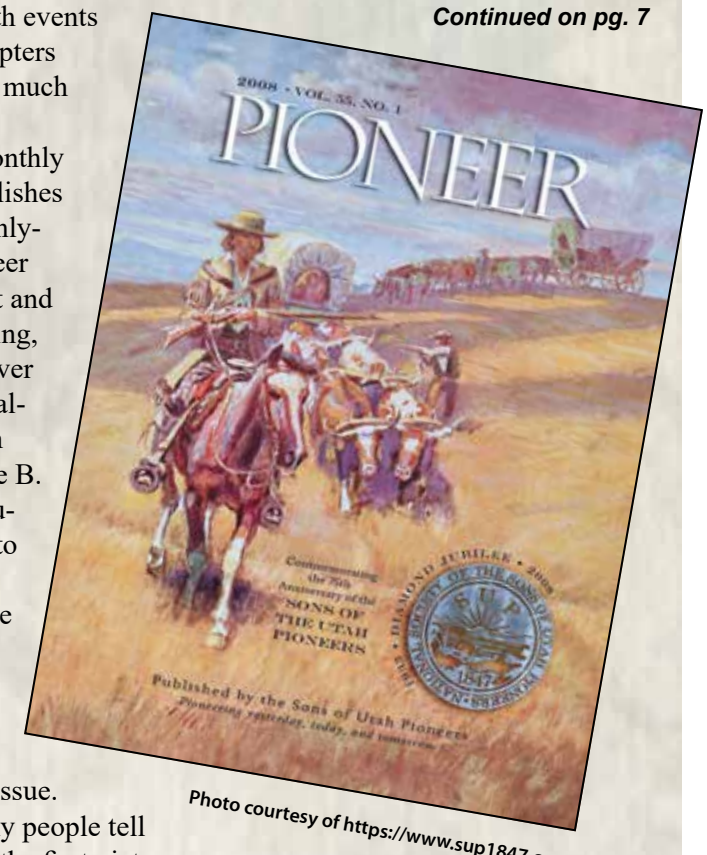

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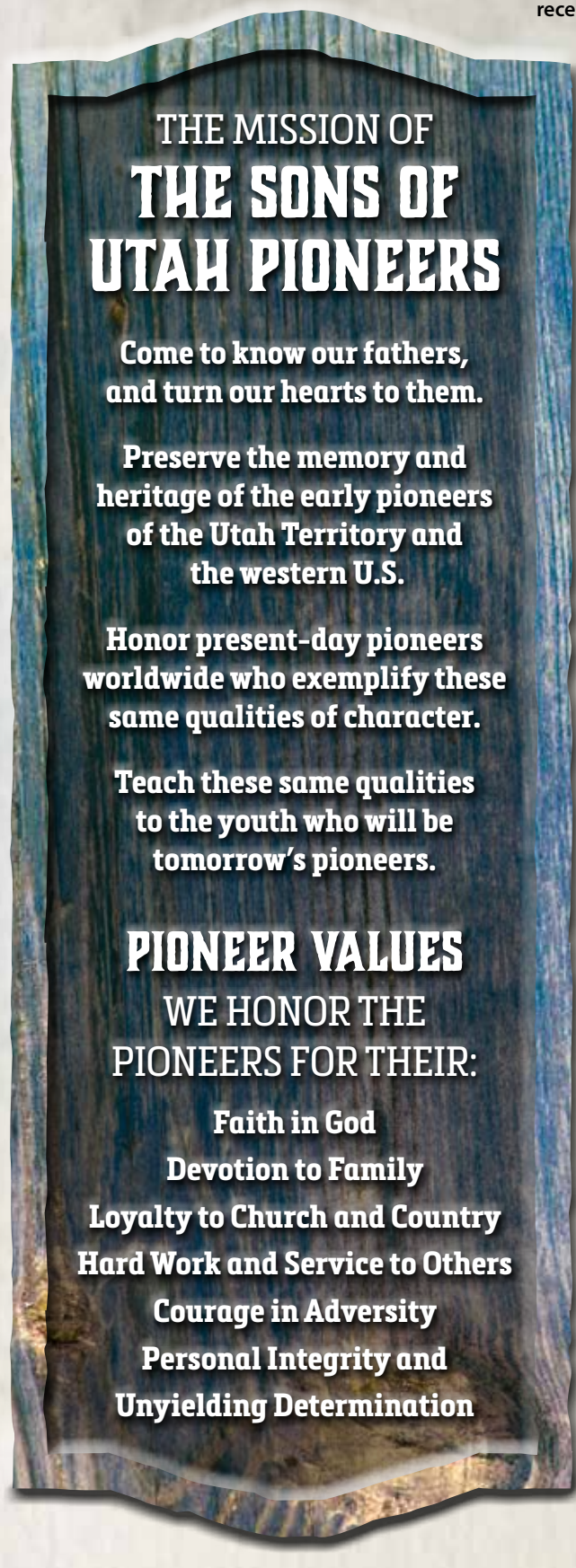
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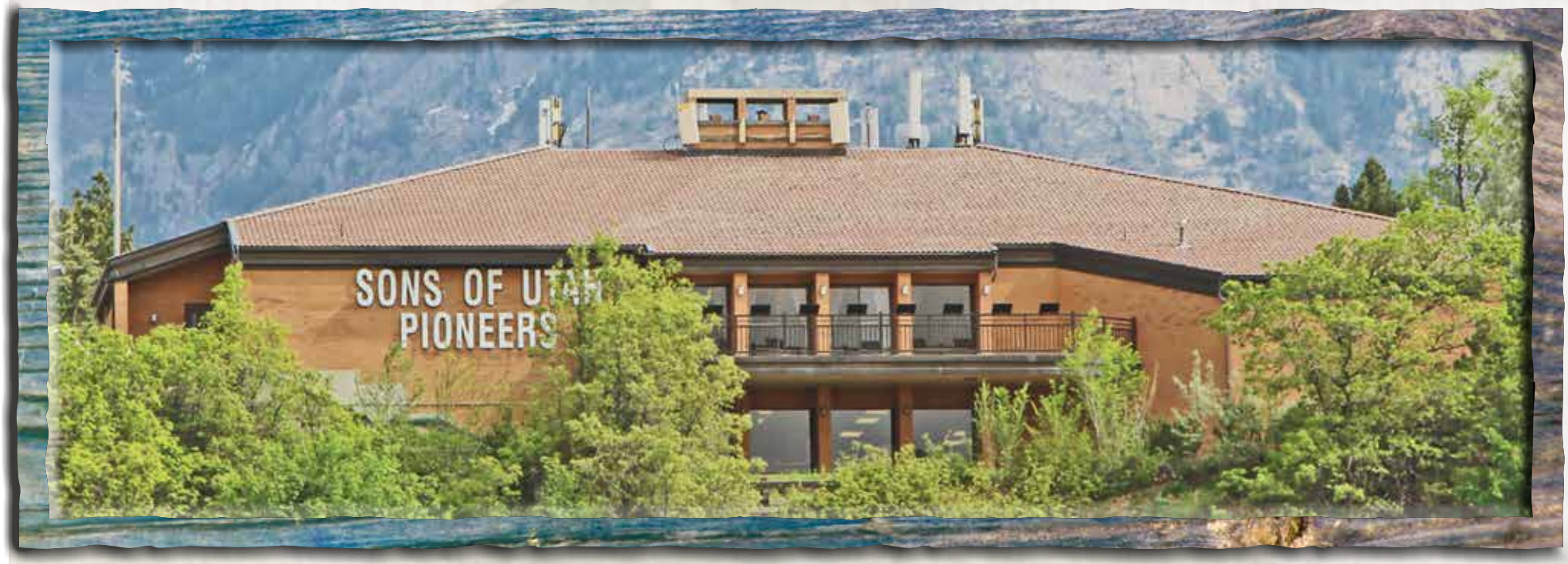

Sons of Utah Pioneers National HQ in Salt Lake City.

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Sons of the Utah Pioneers

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ton, the SUP national president. Pioneer ancestry is not required. "You're never too old or too young to join," he added. "My dad was a member of the Bountiful Chapter and he kind of twisted my arm to get going. Once I was there, I became hooked." John was in his late 50's at the time.

When asked about his heritage, John humbly stated that Emmeline B. Wells is his 2nd great-grandmother. William Clayton, one of his 2nd great-grandfathers, penned the stirring words of the hymn *Come, Come Ye Saints*.

"We keep touting these renowned individuals," he said, "but the ones who didn't record their history are just as important, and they had just as many spiritual experiences as those who did."

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2023 SUP President John Clayton

Durant McArthur of St. George is happy to host and chair the 2023 National Encampment. "I'm a descendant of Daniel D. McArthur, who was a handcart company captain," Durant said. When President Lorenzo Snow visited St. George in 1899, Daniel was a stake president there, and welcomed the prophet into his home. Durant's grandfather, Moroni McArthur, "was one of the youths who went out in buggies to the railhead in Modena to welcome President Snow and bring him and his party to St. George."

The Church was struggling financially at that time, and it was in the St. George Tabernacle that President Snow was given the revelation that the Church should reinstitute the law of tithing. Obedient to that instruction, the drought-weary Saints in St. George soon received rain.

"We all get strength from the stories of our ancestors," Elder Holland said. "It's important to keep these stories and legacies alive for the next generation. If we're not careful, our children and grandchildren won't know them." He is particularly inspired by reading the journal of Robert Gardner, the leading officer who settled the camp in St. George with only a handful of other people. "To see what the city has become since then, as a direct descendant of his, is rewarding for me."

Mesa Arizona Chapter Past President Matt Wharton prepares to entertain local members at a recent 2nd Thursday gathering.

SUP Chapter Presidents gather for training and socializing.

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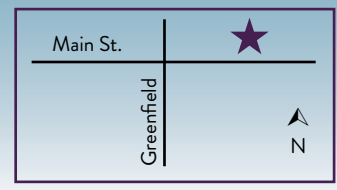

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Book of Mormon Quest

Living the Stories & Finding

JESUS

By Emily Jex Boyle

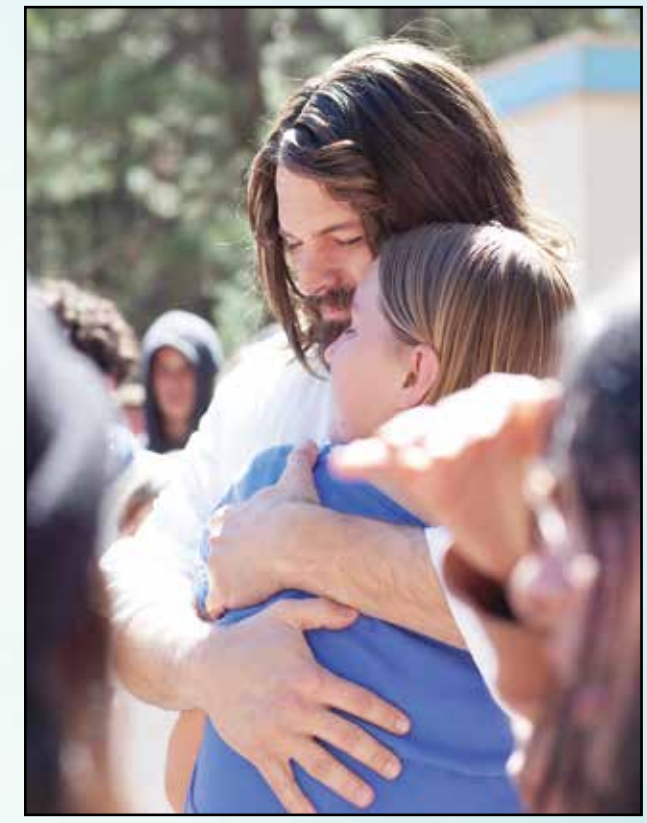
When Ruth Collins and other leaders from the Mesa Lehi Stake heard of unique youth conferences held in a Canadian stake focused on Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon, she remembers the reaction, "Let's go, let's do it." That was 2015. Since then, the Lehi Stake has held two such conferences, called "Book of Mormon Quest." It plans to hold such an event every four years. Other stakes are following suit. In fact, this summer, the Mesa Citrus Heights Stake held their first Book of Mormon Quest among the Ponderosa pines near Long Valley, Arizona. According to Karl Huish, stake presidency second counselor, 359 youth attended, including 61 high school graduates, along with 249 adults and volunteers.

An intricate component of Book of Mormon Quest is the setting. Stages, villages, and a temple were all built through the consecrated effort of stake members. Props, costumes, decorations, music and more play their role with many volunteers. For the youth of the Citrus Heights stake, they noticed and felt the love and recognized effort. Charged with creating a Book of Mormon-style village, Collins remembers, "We had no idea what we were doing, but we knew we wanted to get the atmosphere and catch [the youth's] attention." Instead of just having pop-up shade structures, various stakes have added fabric or palm frond shade to structures and other embellishments.

This distinctive youth conference offers an interactive opportunity to step into the stories of the Book of Mormon, putting faces to names on a page and discovering the Savior's teachings for themselves. Collins explains, "What Book of Mormon Quest offers is a testimony of Jesus Christ and the Book of Mormon. It involves so much, but when people see it, they want to be a part of it." They journey in the wilderness, return for the brass plates, and travel to the tree of life in Lehi's vision through mists of darkness along an iron rod. They live and eat in villages, and engage on the battlefield in memory of the war chapters. Lastly, they find peace at the steps of the temple in Bountiful with a pinnacle experience of Christ's visit.

All come away from the experience changed. High School graduate Kyndal Foster reflected on a Q&A with General Young Men's President and Sister Lund, who attended Quest. "I remember the speaker said to let Christ into your life and not just when you have something important like a big test but in every aspect of your life. That really resonated with me and I chose to ponder how I can make that happen in my life. I know Jesus Christ loves us and wants to be in all of our lives if we just let him in."

Brig Earl, another youth, says of his experience at Quest, "Christ appeared, he spoke to us, prayed with us, and I had the opportunity to hug Him. After I did, I found my friend and got him to come to Christ because I knew how great I felt and I wanted him to feel it, too." Collins' son David and his wife Whitney attended their first Book of Mormon Quest as leaders this summer. David says the experience was one of the most spiritual experiences he has ever had. Whitney adds, "Quest is something I wish everyone could be a part of at some point in their life."



Book of Mormon Quest is Christ-centered.

The Tree of Life, Long Valley Camp, Arizona, June 2023.

All photos by Julie Bezzant

Sister Jane Sherman and President Darrell Sherman, journey into the Promised Land with the youth of their stake at Book of Mormon Quest held near Long Valley, Arizona this summer.

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On Top of Spaghetti!

By the Bucket Restaurant Celebrates Year One

By Emily Jex Boyle

It's easy to feel limited to burgers and sandwiches when considering eating out on a budget with your family. For one local couple, they're trying to change all that *con amore*. You see, Gary and Julie Burk are just like that. Talk to either of them for more than thirty seconds and you'll likely agree they're some of the kindest, fun people around. Gary is a chiropractor by trade. Smiles and fun are a part of his DNA. His Mormon pioneer ancestors lived on the land of present-day Lagoon amusement park in Utah. Julie is a retired hospice nurse who grew up in California. She and Gary were lab partners in college class. Years later, they ran into each other at Mammoth Mountain ski area.

In 2018, the Burks by chance discovered for themselves Bret daCosta's popular restaurant "By the Bucket" while searching for local spots in Payson they could recommend for their Airbnb patrons. What an idea, they thought. "We asked if he would ever consider expanding the business. When daCosta offered to sell us one of the 10 licenses before selling it as a franchise, we decided to go for it." With access to the trademark, the Burk's location on South Lindsay Road and East University Drive in Mesa is almost exactly like the original in Payson.

As one of three By the Bucket locations in Mesa, their restaurant is unique and licensed, not a franchise. Opened on June 17, 2022, the restaurant celebrated its first year this summer. "The menu is simple. You can feed a family of five for $25." Gary explains. With no interest in diversifying the menu far from its original version the Burks stick to offering hot spaghetti in buckets, meatballs the size of baseballs, tasty loaves of garlic bread, and delicious desserts. "Our most popular dessert is the Italian banana bread pudding," says Gary.

The Burks love catering. They also love supporting the local community. In the past year, they've provided hundreds of buckets to high school and church events. "We took 250 buckets to Mesa High School and 375 to a church dinner theater fundraiser in Mesa," Gary says. Hospices are using them for catering as well.

Photo by Gary Burk

Gary and Julie stand inside their By the Bucket North Mesa location.

With no full-time employees, Gary and Julie run the business with the help of their two daughters, Leah Davis and Shelly Garner. All of them share the load with three other young employees, working part time shifts through the week.

Photo by Gary Burk

By The Bucket is family owned and operated. Shelly Garner, Julie Burk, Gary Burk and Leah Davis.

Julie enjoys engaging in the community and loves meeting people. "I love being able to say, 'Are you hungry? Let's get you some food. I just love it.'" They enjoy recognizing the regulars, describing one couple with a blended family who come in when their children are with the other parents. "We've become their romantic eating habit," Gary says with a smile. "They come in, grab a bucket and go watch the sunset."

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Banzai!

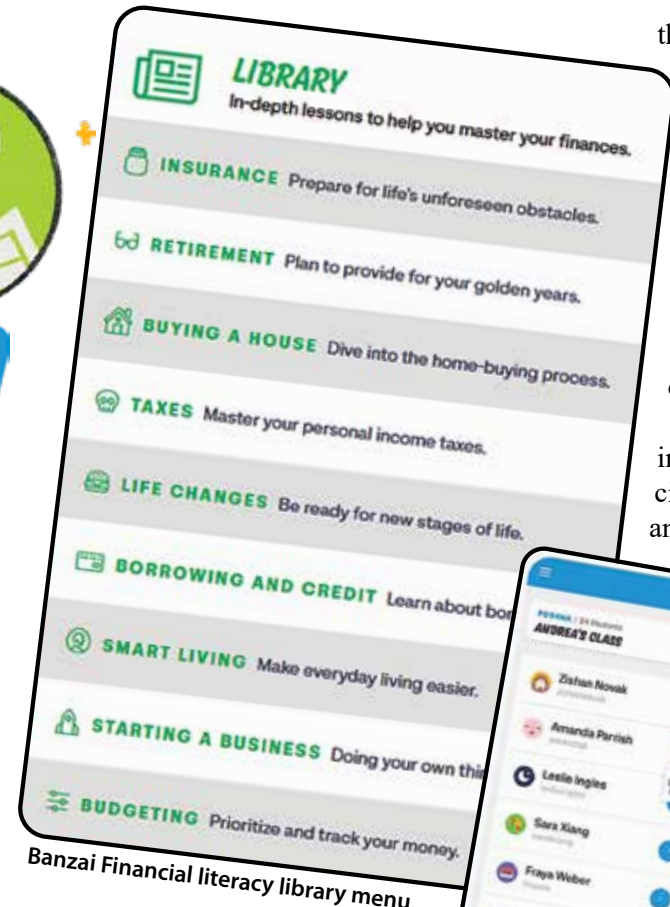
Financial Tools for All Ages

By Allison Beckert

The economic landscape is daunting. As time rapidly changes the financial environment, how many of us have mourned that school didn't adequately prepare us? All the same, we must tackle large purchases, retirement savings, interest tracking, or saving and budgeting with very real risk. This gap in practical education is one local banks and credit unions are targeting by partnering with Banzai.

Banzai is a curriculum tool for educators to teach financial literacy. Using simulations and fictional situations that are appropriate to student age and grade level, Banzai provides a safe place to experiment with virtual funds.

For younger students, a lemonade stand provides some early accounting practice and financial goal setting. For older students the challenges stretch to more complicated topics, such as borrowing, lending, and building credit. Simulations are paced to mesh neatly with existing school schedules without demanding too much time in class. Each student has access to their own profile for work on the program outside of class for homework. After their course is complete, students have lifetime access to all Banzai resources.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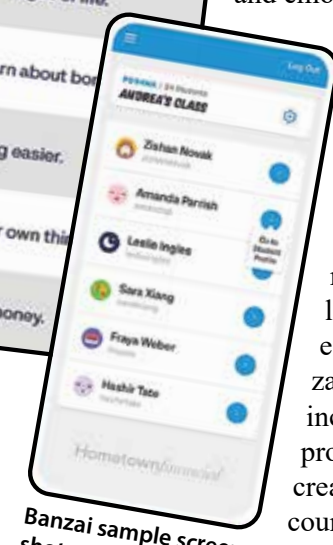

Banzai sample screenshot – student menu.

Feedback from teachers has been enthusiastically positive. A noted point is that the program is free to schools and their students as it is sponsored through local financial institutions. If a sponsor isn't available for a school, Banzai reaches out to local banks and credit unions to access teachers who sign up and express interest in using the program for their classes.

Another point praised in feedback is the focus on student choice. One of the more difficult principles for young people to grasp is consequences, both positive and negative. Banzai programs the exercises and outcomes purely based on student choice. Teachers point out their appreciation for how the system instructs not just that choices matter, but that careful choices can also lead to enjoying larger benefits of the financial freedom they gain when caution and informed choices pay off.

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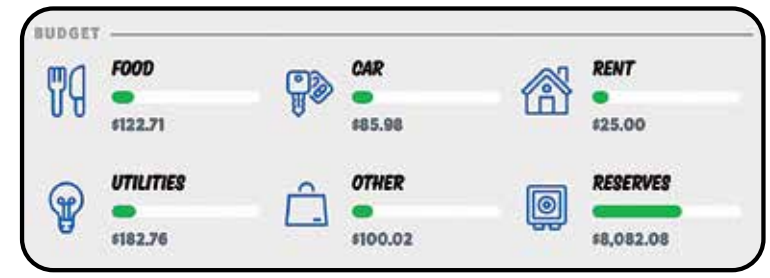

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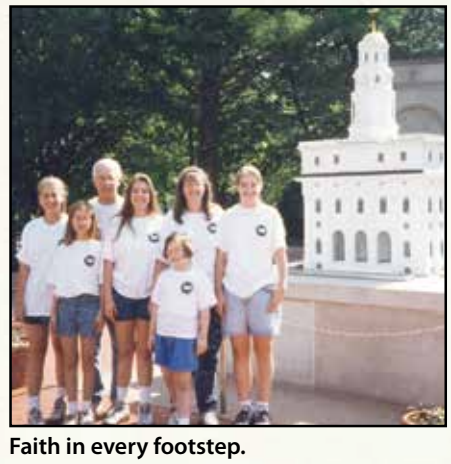
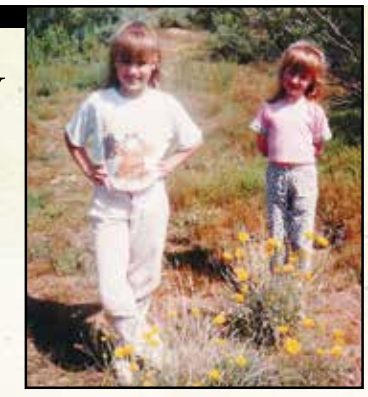
Create Perspective In Your Family

I recently watched the murder mystery movie *Vantage Point.* The film explores one scene witnessed and described from the point of view of different people, and how what was seen by each person differed depending on their vantage point of the event. Same event, many different descriptions. It started me thinking that like with the story of this film, there are often different points of view of the same event in family history.


Faith in every footstep.

When our girls were still home we took a spring break road trip to see wild flowers in the Arizona desert. Their grandparents were in town so it sounded like fun. We drove toward the Florence area. No flowers. We drove across to Picacho Peak. No flowers. We drove into the area around Picacho Peak State Park and found fields of beautiful yellow and orange wild flowers. The trip was great! But to the girls, it was the most boring trip they ever went on. The grandparents described the trip as wonderful. What made the difference? Perspective!

We drove through some Church history sites in 1997 and followed that up with a trip to Salt Lake City to watch the wagon train come down the canyon. I loved this trip. We shared pioneer stories of our ancestors, saw special homes and headstones and spent time together. Our girls remember we had them wear black and white "Faith in Every Footstep" t-shirts. I still have mine. What made the difference? Perspective! (They did enjoy this trip.)


The author's girls exploring Arizona desert wildflowers.

Perspective can be many different things. It can be differences in age such as parents or grandparents versus child or grandchild. Or it can describe the things we like or don't like, such as camping and hiking versus nice hotels with pools. It can be liking to travel by road trip or by going someplace foreign by plane. There are many different perspectives.

Here is a summer challenge designed to help you discover some perspective with your own family.

If you are camping and looking at the stars, ask a few questions: What has been your favorite camping trip and why? What has been your worst and why? What makes it special?

If you visit a theme park ask these questions: What has been your favorite vacation and why? What made it meaningful? What has been the worst and why?

If you are "staycationing" look for some things you like about being around your home or neighborhood: Do you like puzzles, games or movies? Do you enjoy summer reading programs or sports activities? Do you enjoy weekends with your grandparents? What did your parents do as kids in the summer or with their grandparents?

Work to bridge the generation gap and see if you can add a different perspective of your life for your family. And record everyone's answers. My mom told me once that she was sent to the principal's office for throwing snowballs the wrong way. There has to be a story there and you can find the stories in your family, too. Happy Searching!

By Lynne Tolman

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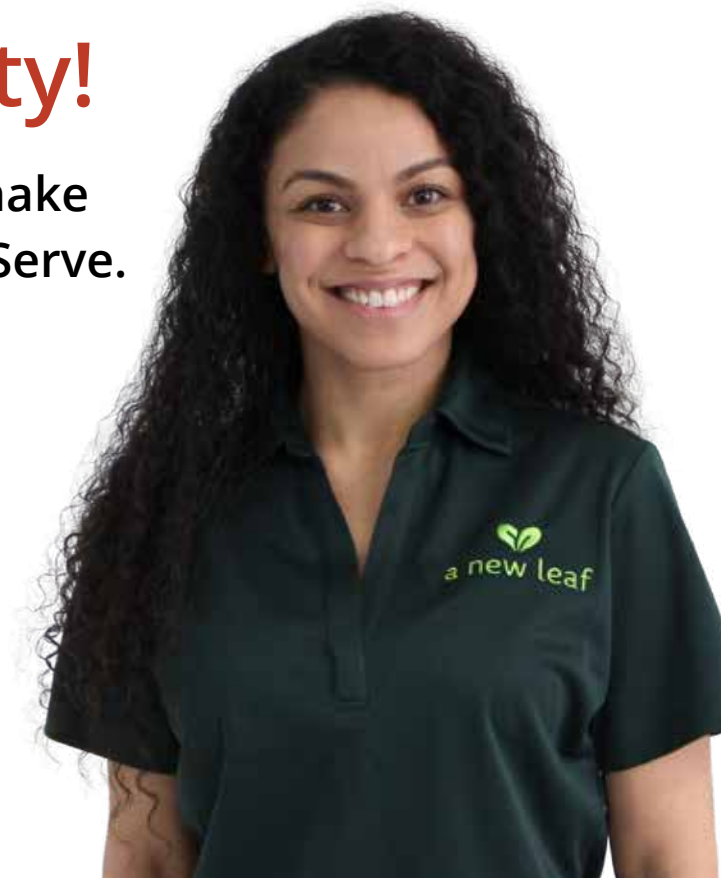

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Rest

By Emily Jex Boyle

On Mars Hill in Athens, Greece, the apostle Paul nobly testified that, "in [the Lord] we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Many years ago, in the stormy wake of a personal trial, I was invited by a friend to go to the gym. In my late twenties, I rediscovered the value of regular exercise. I also witnessed personally that exercise subsequently helped create a safe space for spiritual healing and strengthening. My friend blessed me with the gift of routine and a dose of something I desperately needed then and now. Paired with encouraging music and podcasts, regular exercise leaves my muscles and soul feeling simultaneously tired and invigorated, weak and also strong. I feel at rest.

In the "Guide to the Scriptures" the noun *rest* is defined as, "the enjoyment of peace and freedom from worry and turmoil." As a verb, the word *rest* is in part defined as "the ceasing or stopping of work or movement in order to relax, refresh, or recover strength."

During the Savior's earthly ministry, He encouragingly invited: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt.11:28-30 emphasis added).

The scriptures are full of verses which speak of rest and the promise of it. I've usually thought of this rest always in the future--when all is said and done. Recently, I wondered if rest in its verb form isn't a necessary component of our journey towards rest in its noun form.

In his book, *Letters to a Young Mormon*, Adam S. Miller compiled life lessons in letter form addressed to his daughter. In the entitled letter "Sabbath," Miller shares beautiful insights pertaining to rest. Not only does he refer to the Sabbath as a practice gym but also as an instrument God uses to interrupt time with a taste of the end. To Miller, the day of rest is a gate which regularly allows more of God's rest to come into our lives. "God introduces a hiccup into time," Miller explains, "a beat of stillness, a little pocket of eternity." Part of rest involves seeing the goodness of ongoing efforts in our own becoming. Miller writes, "God doesn't wait until after his work is done to declare that it is good. He doesn't wait until the official end has passed. Even while the world is unfinished--even while the world is still half-baked, imperfect, and incomplete--God already "saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:10) Everyday he sees that the world is good. In God's working, the goodness we expect to find only at the end, is always bleeding right back into the middle and the beginning." Finding rest in the present helps us to discover eternity now.

Just as our muscles experience rest following exertion, our spirits can discover rest along life's journey. When we feel weighed down by burdens, perhaps examining how we have witnessed God's rest in our lives might motivate us to pursue regular spiritually yoking with Christ and physical exercise routines.

A Beacon of Support & Kindness

A New Leaf Volunteer Heather Helps Serve the Community

By A New Leaf

From an early age, Heather's faith led her to believe in the importance of serving others. She knew that in following the example of her Savior, service to those around her was meant to be a deeply meaningful part of life. This call to service, to be a beacon of support and kindness, resonated deeply with Heather. She had always wanted to be the kind of person who extended a helping hand when others were in need.

When the service group of women in the Citrus Heights Stake decided to engage in a community service project, Heather was among the dedicated individuals ready to make a difference. The group reached out to A New Leaf, an organization dedicated to helping families recovering from homelessness, domestic violence, and other heartbreaking challenges.

Heather and other members of the group focused their efforts on providing brand new Converse shoes for the children living in shelters at A New Leaf. The choice was heartfelt: as mothers, they wanted to give these children something special, a pair of shoes that they could wear with pride. Heather herself donated and worked to get other people involved.

The results exceeded expectations. With a goal of providing just 50 pairs of shoes, the women gathered an extraordinary 275 pairs for children in need. At the celebratory luncheon for this donation drive, a table overflowed with boxes of Converse shoes, a physical manifestation of the community's compassion and generosity.

But Heather's involvement did not stop there. She decided to offer more of her time to A New Leaf by joining the fundraising department as a volunteer.

Photo courtesy of A New Leaf

Heather holds up a Converse donation.

Since joining this team, she has participated in dozens of other remarkable projects, and has impacted thousands of lives.

Heather's story serves as a reminder of the power of faith, community, and service to transform lives and create a positive impact in the world. The Citrus Heights Stake, through their efforts, demonstrated how a community bound by faith can extend their reach to touch the lives of those in need, providing them with hope and a reason to smile.

Self Reliance

For the power is in them wherein they are agents unto themselves.
~ D&C 58:28

By Nancy Rasmussen

Gratitude, Kindness and Service

Spiritual Self-Reliance

Church leaders have emphasized self-reliance and emergency preparedness as a way for us to strengthen ourselves in times of natural disaster or hardship. However, considering President Nelson's counsel, it is imperative that we strive to prepare ourselves spiritually to survive the evil perils so pervasive in our world. President Nelson said: "Of course, we can store our own reserves of food, water, and savings. But equally crucial is our need to fill our personal *spiritual* storehouses with faith, truth and testimony."

Personal peace and spiritual self-reliance may be found by implementing several attributes exemplified by our Savior Jesus Christ. To achieve this, let us concentrate on three simple virtues demonstrated by Him: gratitude, kindness and service.

Gratitude is a feeling of appreciation and thankfulness for blessings or benefits we have received. As we cultivate a grateful attitude, we are more likely to be happy and spiritually strong. The Lord has promised, "He who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious" (Doctrine and Covenants 78:19). We should regularly express our gratitude to God for the blessings He gives us and to others for the kind acts they do for us.

While spending three months in Jamaica, I realized just how blessed I was to have a safe, comfortable home in the United States. The apartment I rented in Jamaica came without hot water, had no air conditioning and a make-shift kitchen with a propane camp stove. But my rental was far better than those of the locals I met. At least I had indoor plumbing and electric lights.

Gratitude opens our spiritual eyes. Gratitude helps us sense God's presence, His personal care and His perfect timing.

In Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin's talk given April 2005 titled "The Virtue of Kindness" he said, "Kindness is the essence of greatness and the fundamental characteristic of the noblest men and women. Kindness is a passport that opens doors and fashions friends. It softens hearts and molds relationships that can last lifetimes."

We witness exemplary kindness shown by our Savior. One of the tenderest mercies Jesus displayed was the washing of his Apostles feet. By so doing he demonstrated that he was a humble servant. Jesus showed kindness to the highest and the lowest among us. When we can see others as our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ sees them, we can practice the virtue of kindness as our Savior did.

At the April 2011 General Conference, Elder M. Russell Ballard said, "It is only when we love God and Christ with all of our hearts, souls, and minds that we are able to share this love with our neighbors through acts of kindness and service—the way that the Savior would love and serve all of us if He were among us today."

Opportunities to serve others are everywhere. At a fundamental level we are responsible for the spiritual and temporal welfare of those we serve. The Church offers myriad opportunities to serve. But there are many opportunities to serve in our local communities. The Church JustServe.org website lists various service opportunities close to home, and from the comfort of your own home.

May we all fortify ourselves by assuming spiritual self-reliant virtues of gratitude, kindness and service.

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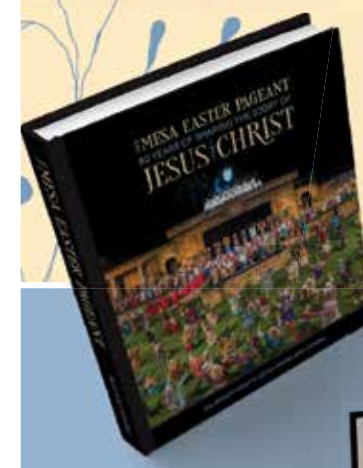

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Comedy Corner

By Mark Randall

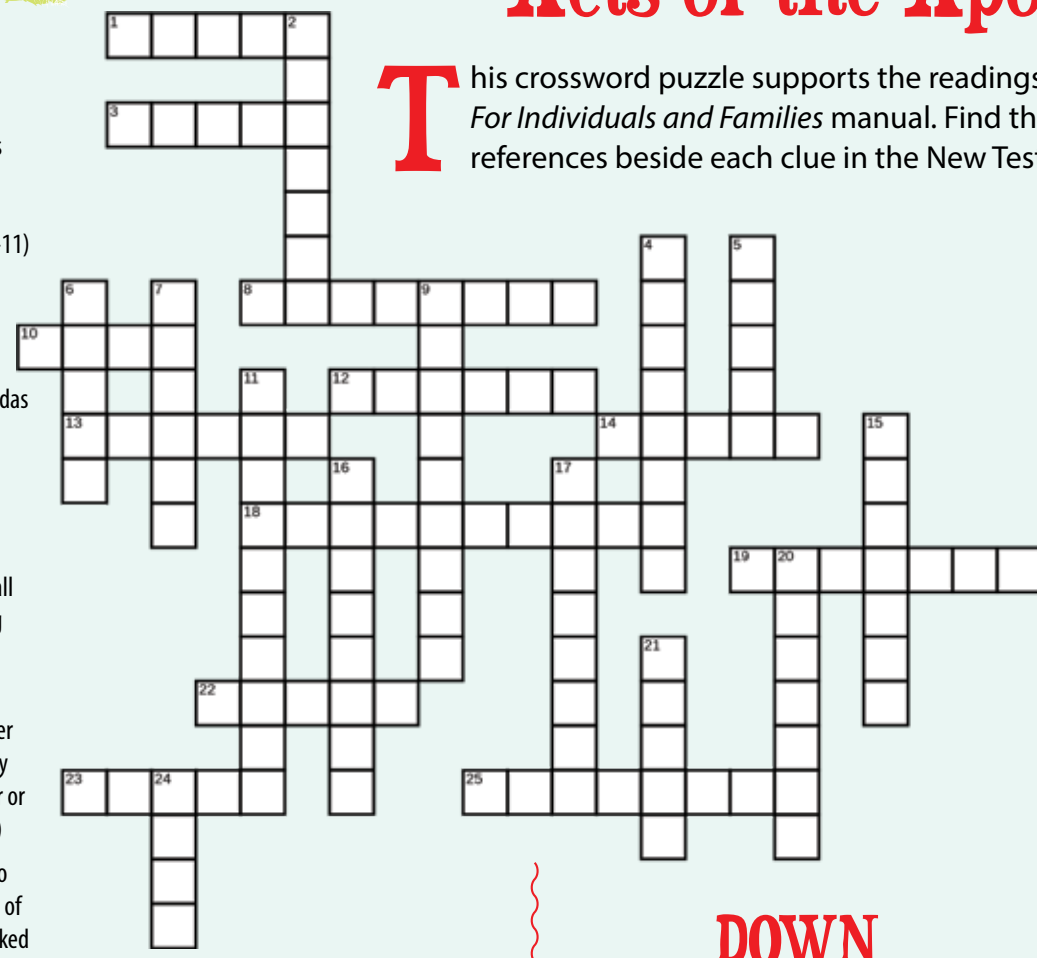
The 4th of July fell on a Sunday. The opening hymn of church that day was appropriately "The Star-Spangled Banner" and was enthusiastically sung by the standing congregation. As we sat down reverently awaiting the opening prayer, a small boy standing on the 3rd bench threw up is fist and shouted "PLAY BALL!!" Needless to say, it took several moments for reverence to return to the chapel!

By Robin Finlinson

Come Follow Me

Acts of the Apostles

This crossword puzzle supports the readings in the 2023 *Come Follow Me–For Individuals and Families* manual. Find the answers by looking up the references beside each clue in the New Testament book of Acts!



ACROSS

1 When men from numerous lands (including this one that begins with the letter "L") gather and listen to the Apostles speak, each miraculously hears their messages in his own language. (2:9-11)

3 Being shipwrecked on an island, Paul has the chance to heal several people there.And though bitten by this animal, he is unharmed. (28:3-6)

8 This man is ordained as an Apostle, replacing Judas Iscariot. (1:22-26)

10 Paul bravely goes wherever directed,though sometimes bound with chains defending the _____ of Israel. (28:20)

12 Paul warns of coming apostasy, declaring,"[S]hall grievous _____ enter in among you…speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (20:29, 30)

13 The Apostles always credit the Lord for the power He gives them to help people. Peter asks, "[W]hy _____ ye at this…as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?" (3:12)

14 When "a certain sorcerer, a false prophet" tries to keep the deputy of the land from learning more of the word of God, Paul thwarts the sorcerer's wicked intentions by causing him to be temporarily _____. (13:6-12)

18 Instead of complaining for being unjustly imprisoned, "Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." The Lord then sent this to free them. (16:25, 26)

19 Apostles teach many people in this city, where the disciples of Jesus Christ arecalled "Christians" for the first time. (11:26)

22 Peter and John are unjustly arrested butreleased from prison by an _____. (5:19)

23 Over 40 people conspire and bind themselves under a _____, vowing that they will not eat or drink till they have killed Paul.(23:12, 13)

25 Paul is accused of being "a pestilent fellow,"a "ringleader" and "a mover of" this. (24:5)28 Number of pots filled with water that Jesus turned into wine, marking His first of numerous known miracles. (John 2:6)

29 Jesus taught the vital importance of laying foundational knowledge of Him—the everlasting rock—rather than having no foundation and building merely upon the _____. (Luke 6:49)

30 Jesus taught, "He that hath two _____, let him impart to him that hath none…" (Luke 3:11)

DOWN

2 Paul tells this king how he was sent by Jesus to open people's eyes and turn them to the light and power of God, so they maybe forgiven and sanctified. (26:18, 19)

4 The children of Israel are envious when nearly the whole city (including many Gentiles) comes to hear Paul and Barnabas teach. So, they blaspheme, contradict the teachings, stir people up to persecute the Apostles and have them _____. (13:42-50)

5 Seven men are called to assist the Apostles,including this man, whose name begins with the letter "T". (6:5)

6 The Apostles always make it clear that they are mortal servants of God, not deity to be worshipped. King Herod, however, accepts the shout of worshipful praise from the people and dies, being eaten by _____.(12:21-23)

7 When Paul speaks in Jerusalem in this language, the people keep silent so they can hear him. (22:2)

9 The Apostles say they are witnesses of Jesus, as is the _____ (two words). (5:30-32)

11 Whether publicly or in people's homes, Paul consistently teaches these two key concepts: faith in Jesus Christ and _____.(20:20, 21)

15 After Paul heals a man in the region of Lycaonia, the people think Paul and Barnabas are the gods Mercurius (a.k.a.Hermes) and _____ (a.k.a. Zeus). Upon hearing of that, the Apostles "ran in among the people," corrected them and exhorted them to "turn…unto the living God." (14:8-15)

16 Paul persuades some listeners to see that the _____ and the law of Moses had pointed them toward Jesus Christ. (28:23)

17 Paul tells of how the risen Lord had instructed him to "arise, and be _____."(22:16)

20 Teaching that the gift of salvation is offered to every person on earth, Paul says that God "made of one blood all _____ of men…"(17:26)

21 Shortly after Jesus' death and resurrection, He shows Himself to His chosen Apostles and teaches them for this many days. (1:2,3)

24 The risen Lord again comes personally to Paul—this time for encouragement, and to tell Paul that his testimony will also need to be heard in this city. (23:11)

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AMAZING VACATIONS USA

By Allison Beckert

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The tours offered have popular and experienced leadership. Glenn Rawson, whose travel groups and books have instructed curious members for years, leads domestic church history tours. Englishman Peter Fagg, a professional tour guide who has taken thousands of people around British Church History sites over the past few decades leads British tours. AmazingVacations looks for high talent to enrich the unique experience they offer.

Feedback from travelers glows with praise. The array of five-star reviews recognize the organization more than the locale. They speak of their tour guides with affection, the customer service when enrolling and when handling questions as stellar, and several mentions appreciating the accessibility of the leadership. Of course, the excursion leaders for the cruises and adventuring opportunities receive their fair share of positive feedback as well.

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Tour guides in Costa Rica.

The benefit of travel agency trips can't be overestimated. Planning your own trip has an increased cost of time and stress, and some opportunities will mean a risk of drawing a dud and not knowing until the trip is underway. For those considering AmazingVacations, but weary of the costs, there are products across several price points. International will, of course, run the highest, costing on average $3300. Domestic tours in mainland USA land between $550 and $950 depending on the group size. The day trip packages start at $195 and average about $300 per person. Please review the specific package you're interested in to see what that cost includes.

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Finding Hope After Incarceration

Phoenix Arizona East Stake's Oak Branch, One Year Later…

By Katherine Ogden

A little over one year ago, on April 10th, 2022, the Oak Branch was established in Phoenix. It's a very unique branch, for ages 18 and over, designed for those returning to society after having been in the prison system. When the branch first started out, it held only Sacrament Meeting, with two attendees. But it has come quite a long way since then, adding a Sunday School class and even an impromptu choir. More recently, the branch began offering Self Reliance classes.

"We could have up to 70 individuals that will attend," says President Khyl Powell, "We sometimes have so many visitors, compared to members, that we have 140% activity!"

The branch holds a "Munch & Mingle" meeting on every 5th Sunday which features a theme and a short motivational talk. Attendees can bring food to share if they like, but everyone is welcomed regardless of whether they bring anything or not.

"There are never any left-overs." says Sister Lorrain Powell, the activities director, "Everything gets wrapped up, passed out and taken home."

"We offer love, acceptance, comfort and peace, what everyone is looking for," continues Sister Powell. "One of the things people miss most when incarcerated is hugs and handshakes, the human touch. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. A visiting high council member recently commented that the spirit was palpable there."

"As individuals, we do not have the right to withhold the Savior's atonement from anyone," says President Powell, "but sometimes families and ward members have a hard time allowing the person who has made mistakes to repent, be forgiven, move forward and receive the blessings of the Savior's atonement. Those who attend the Oak Branch strive not to judge and define themselves by their past. They seek to follow the Savior's admonition found in Matthew 5:3-6: 'Blessed

Photo courtesy of Lorrain Powell

Oak Branch Chapel.

are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be

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The Oak Branch Presidency, Left to right, Executive Secretary Dale Cheshire, 1st Counselor David Schnepf, Branch President Khyl Powell and 2nd Counselor Gary Bryce.

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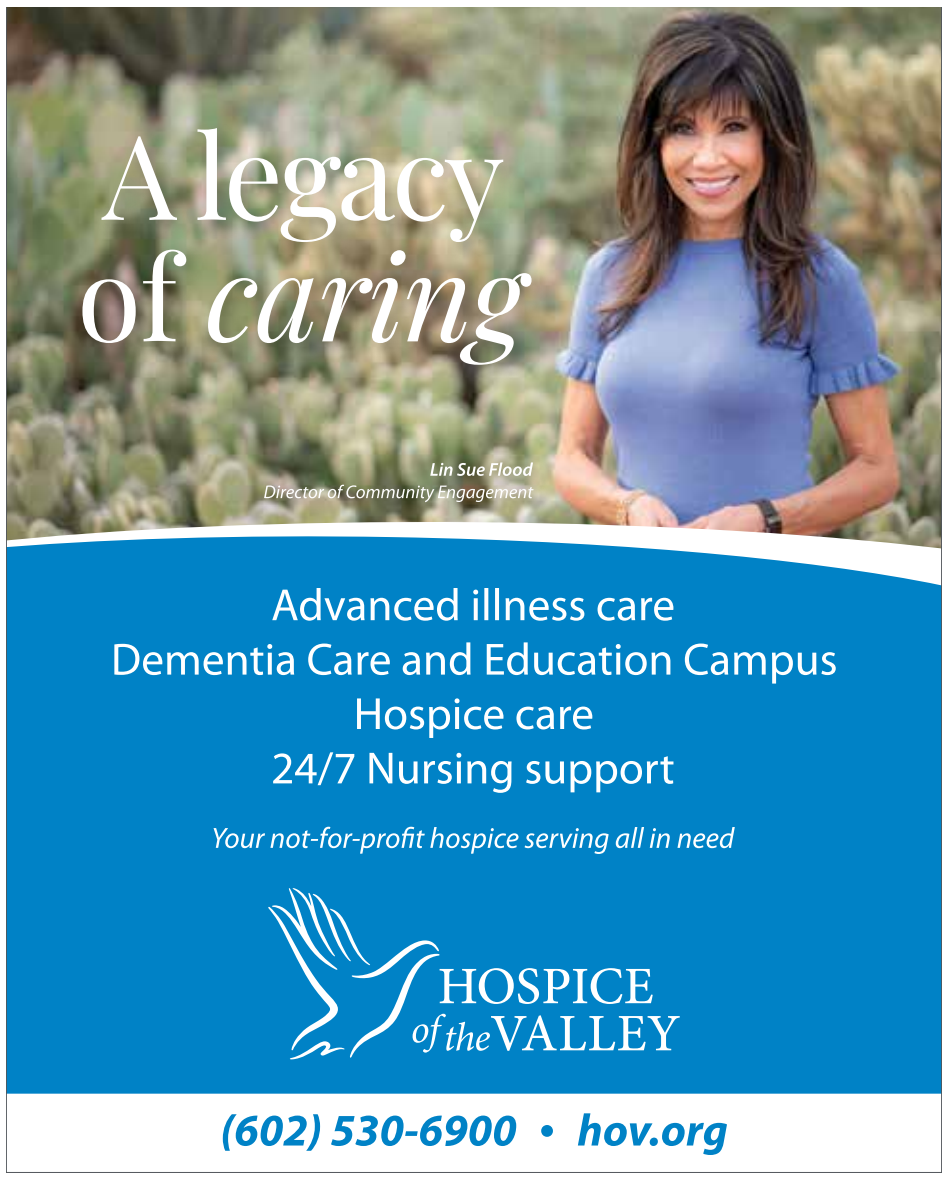
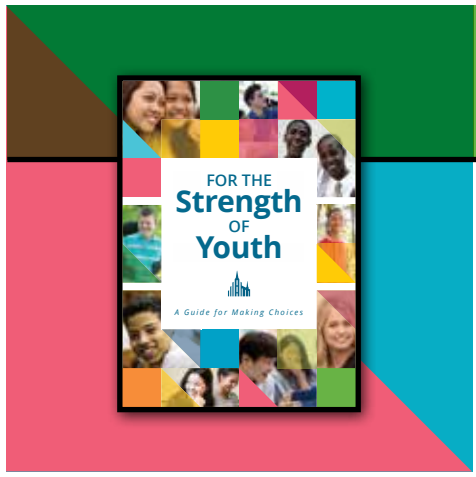
President Khyl and Sister Lorrain Powell.





Helping Youth To Make Inspired Choices

By Allison Beckert

Loving God IS Loving Your Neighbor

Of all the commandments, we're taught the greatest of all is to love God and love our neighbors. The ability to love all God's children is one of the most difficult to teach to our youth. This is a lifelong commandment whose expression is as varied as the faces of every stranger and friend we meet. Our personal view of how to follow it is often restricted by our individual experience and expanding that view will be the real skill we can teach our youth to effectively teach this commandment. Teach by example and learn from others' examples.

God is the first and best example of love, as He loves all his children perfectly. Just because He loves all His children doesn't mean that love is expressed the same to each. Our experience of God's love is as unique as we each are. So, when seeking to love one another, our first steps should include listening to what people say, what they like and dislike, what their joys and sorrows are, and what they ask of us. Loving others is not uniform. Our expression of love for them should not be uniform either. With humility, recognize you cannot read another person's mind or heart, so when gifted an insight to someone else's world, or a request, fulfill it with honor to that person's trust in you.

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As members of the Church, many of us share similar experiences. Our backgrounds are often familiar and it's safe to assume some mutual history and memories. This isn't true in the world at large. Youth, at school and as they branch into society, will meet people whose backgrounds are widely different from their own. And most of those people will not have the same lifestyle. All of these people deserve love. Their experiences deserve to be treated with respect, even if they choose or were taught to live in ways far from ours. Conditional love is not mentioned in this commandment. Teach by example with tolerance, love, and healthy boundaries of respect for all parties.

In the Church and out of it, people will have scars either of their own making or from the action of others. While God and Christ are the ultimate healers, our role as followers of Christ is to hold space for these wounds. Mourn with those that mourn and comfort those that stand in need of comfort. Youth are powerful forces for good and should be taught not just that they can serve others with love but that they too are deserving of compassionate time and care.

God's commandments are simple, loving others is complicated. Our lesson to learn is how to put good in and embrace the good that comes out.

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Neighborhood monthly lunch group.

GATHERING ISRAEL

Creating Friendships With Our Non-Member Neighbors

By Barbie VanCott

As Latter-Day Saints, we are very blessed to have built-in support groups of member friends within our wards and stakes. In our current "gathering Israel" era, we are encouraged to widen our circle by including others not of our faith. How do we go about doing that?

I am a convert to the church, because dear LDS sisters became my friends. As we grew closer, they shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with me and I embraced it. I am forever grateful that they accepted me into their circle of friends.

As members of the church, being examples to those not of our faith can be most effective in attracting them to us and to our faith. There are people in our community that need and want us and our friendship. Staying within our own inhibits our mission to spread the Gospel and to gather Israel.

How can we open our eyes and hearts, and look beyond our circle of friends with the intent to include these people in our lives? There many ways to widen our scope and fellowship others. I will share what I have done to include others not of my faith.

I play pickleball. There are people in our group not of my faith. It's fun to interact with them! Some of us have shared missionary experiences with the non-members that I play with, and we have found that they listen intently to our stories.

I also participate in a yoga class. I am the only member in my class, but have become friends with the others. Recently, I was invited to attend a tea party at one of my classmate's home. I had a great time. As I sipped water instead of tea, they asked me to explain the Word of Wisdom (D&C 89) and were fascinated with the concepts found in that marvelous revelation.

Recently, I formed a neighborhood lunch group and included women of all different faiths. I didn't know if it would be successful, but I formed it anyway. To my surprise, during our first lunch, the non-members asked me to share my conversion story. It has been a joy sharing monthly lunches with these wonderful women.

We are all capable of blessing the lives of others in so many ways. Pray for your own ideas, or use mine.

We have a family motto, "Every day I can touch a life. Every day I can make a difference, one person at a time." I live by this concept, but it means kneeling in prayer and then listening to the Holy Ghost.

As we engage our non-member friends, we can make a difference in their lives and ours. And help to gather Israel as we have been commanded to do.

What's Cooking?

By The Arizona Beehive Magazine

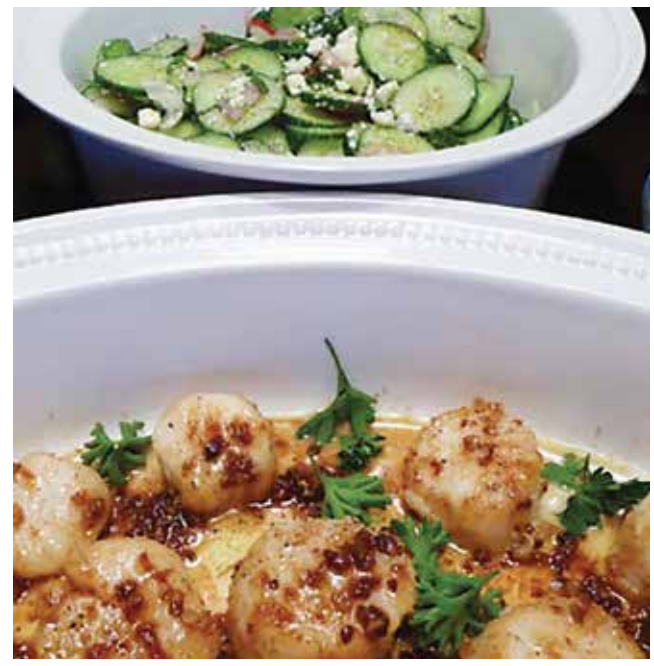
SUCCULENT SAUTÉED SCALLOPS WITH GARLIC AND COOL CUCUMBER SALAD WITH MINT & FETA

No Fuss Flavor

When the hot weather hits, try this cooling cucumber salad. This recipe calls for English cucumbers which are thin skinned and mostly seed-free. The combination of cucumber, mint and feta cheese is really quite lovely.

Serve this salad with the easy-to-prepare scallop recipe. Scallops can be a little tricky to cook, since they are so easily overcooked. If overcooked, they turn rubbery and tasteless, so be careful.

Use fresh or frozen large scallops (thawed in the refrigerator) which are always best cooked slightly underdone. Dredge them in a tiny bit of white flour to get them nice and browned. If you're concerned about fat, most of the butter and olive oil is left in the pan.



SALAD INGREDIENTS:

- 2 English cucumbers, about 8 inches long, thinly sliced
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 5 or 6 red radishes, thinly sliced
- 15 - 20 mint leaves, thinly sliced
- 4 - 5 T white vinegar
- 1/4 c olive oil
- 1/4 lb feta cheese, crumbled
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

SALAD INSTRUCTIONS:

In a medium sized bowl, gently toss together the sliced cucumbers, red onion, radishes and mint leaves.

Combine the vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. Add to the salad mixture and toss. Right before serving, sprinkle on crumbled bits of feta cheese. Lightly toss and serve immediately. Serves 4 - 6.

SCALLOPS INGREDIENTS:

- 12 large sea scallops
- 2 T flour for dredging
- 1 T good quality olive oil
- 1 T butter
- Salt/pepper to taste
- 1 - 2 tsp finely minced fresh garlic
- 1 - 2 T parsley, for garnish
- Fresh lemon slices to squeeze over, if desired

SCALLOPS INSTRUCTIONS:

Dry the scallops gently with paper towel.

Put oil in medium frying pan and turn on heat to medium. Add butter. While butter melts, dredge both sides of each scallop in flour. When butter is just starting to foam, add scallops to pan.

Cook until scallops are barely browned on both sides and starting to feel firm, but not until they feel completely firm, about 2 minutes per side for the initial browning. (This will depend on the thickness of your scallops.)

When both sides are browned slightly, add garlic, lower heat a little, season with salt and pepper as desired and cook about 2 more minutes, either stirring or shaking the pan so the garlic is well distributed around all the scallops. Stir to remove any yummy bits. Drizzle over the scallops. Garnish with parsley and serve hot, with lemon slices if desired. Serves 4.

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Testimony of CLEANING the Lord's House

By Anonymous

For over 50 years I had been searching for a church home. Last year, the Lord brought me into his fold at my ward. This has caused a lot of contention between myself and my parents, who are devout members of another faith.

Being able to gather with the saints and worship our Father has blessed me beyond measure by providing a place of respite away from a contentious home environment.

While I was investigating and joining the Church, I was able to leave home early on the Sabbath, before my parents awoke, to attend Sunday meetings. Eventually that changed when they wanted me to pass inspection before leaving the house. Now, I arrive a few minutes before the service begins.

I am always excited about church cleaning day. I can leave the house before my parents awake, plus I can fellowship with my church family while cleaning. I consider it an honor and blessing to be able to serve in this capacity, to be in the house of the Lord.

Joining the church has also revealed a division among my parents about their beliefs. As I have learned how the church functions, I've shared those truths with my parents.

Being able to clean the church has been a great testimony for my dad. When I explained the process, he had only praise in the way the church operates in the cleaning and care of our buildings.

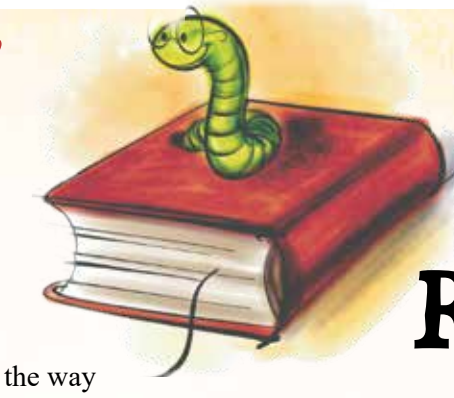
Even though the work itself may seem mundane and repetitious, it's our attitude that's most important. We should all be thankful to serve the Lord in this manner. When I look out at the pews and chairs, all I can think about and envision is that every place is occupied by our friends and neighbors.

We are called to help gather Israel in these last days. Do we take the time to thank the Lord for the building he provided us and pray for it to be filled and overflowing? Do we think of his children around the world that don't have a gathering place?

Do we have an attitude of just wanting to rush and get the cleaning done, so we can be on our way with the activities that are more "important" to us? Do we complain in front of the children and encourage the same attitude from them?

Would it make a difference if we walked in and Jesus was sitting in a pew?

Many Kids Claim "Wasn't Me!"

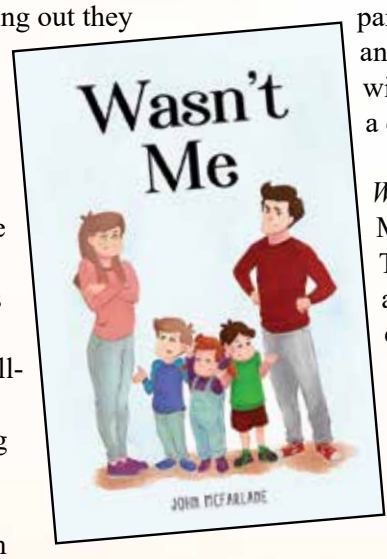


Beehive BOOK REVIEW

By Cindy R. Williams

Dr. John McFarlane D.C. is a Chiropractor in the East Valley area of Phoenix, Arizona. He is also an author with his first published children's book: *Wasn't Me*

McFarlane says, "My kids were the inspiration for *Wasn't Me*. Whenever I would ask who made a mess or left something out they would respond with 'Wasn't Me.' Jokingly I would tell them how this 'Wasn't Me' character was always the one responsible."



A couple of lines from the book show McFarlane's storytelling skills; "Things started to go missing or show up where they didn't belong. And whenever Mom and Dad would ask who was responsible, the answer was always the same; 'Wasn't me!"

Parents will relate to many universal questions asked in *Wasn't Me*, such as; "Who left the front door open? Who wrote all over the wall? Who shoved these wrappers in the couch cushions? Who didn't flush the toilet?"

The humorous story goes on to have the parents try to catch "Wasn't Me" in the act. Young readers will enjoy reading this fun book. Parents and grandparents will find *Wasn't Me* an engaging book to share with little ones. *Wasn't Me* is a delightful gift as well.

The illustrations in *Wasn't Me* are by Kevin Mura, a professional artist. The characters are dynamic and full of motion and emotions. The pictures on each page come alive and bring smiles to this delightful book.

McFarlane says, "Kevin Mura is who has illustrated my books and is very talented. He lives in Chile with his wife and two kids. He is a freelance illustrator and very easy to work with. He has been instrumental in relaying my vision."

"My favorite illustration in the book is the last page. I love the way he (Kevin) was able to portray the couple having aged but still in love and finally able to appreciate what those messes represent," says McFarlane.

Photo by Rex Madden Photography
Author Dr. John McFarlane.

Since posting this review, McFarlane has published a second book *Someone, and The Stain Blame,* which should be released in August. "I have four more books that are currently finished and I hope to get them all published as well," he says.

McFarlane explains, "The process of taking this book from idea to printed finished product has been very fun and challenging. It took me about a year from the moment I reached out to Cecily (Markland) Condie, my book consultant, to actually holding a printed copy in my hand. The second and third books are moving much quicker. The best part about the journey has actually been working with my wife. She has helped fine-tune the characters and image layouts. She believed in my stories more than I did.

"This story is meant to be funny and relatable to all ages. Ultimately, the message is to enjoy the moment and not get caught up in the daily grind," says McFarlane.

Wasn't Me and McFarlane's other books are available on Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com.

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D-Backs Score a Grand Slam with 100-Year-Old Hospice Patient

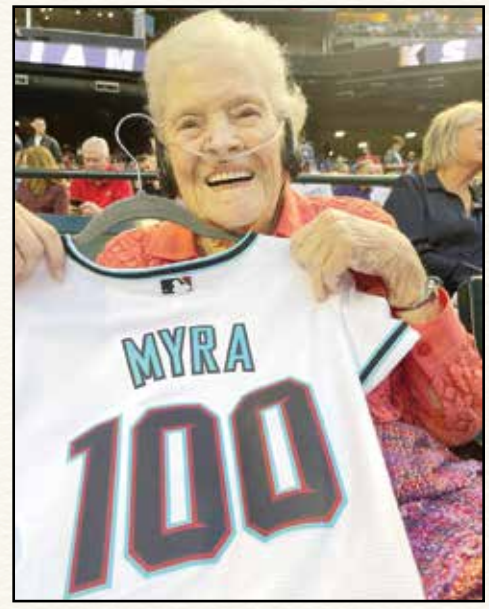
By Lin Sue Flood

Growing up in the Babe Ruth era, Myra Blaker has been a lifelong baseball fan. After moving to Phoenix from Chicago, she pledged loyalty to her hometown Arizona Diamondbacks — even posting their game schedule on her front door. In the weeks leading up to their home opener at Chase Field, all she talked about was baseball.

As a surprise, Myra's Hospice of the Valley care team made a great play — pitching her as the inaugural guest of D-Backs Wishes for Seniors. This special program grants once-in-a-lifetime experiences to deserving seniors and is sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation and Arizona Complete Health.

"We are so honored to partner with the devoted nurses and social workers at Hospice of the Valley to deliver these incredible experiences," said Debbie Castaldo, D-Backs' senior VP for Corporate & Community Impact. "It was wonderful to see Myra rooting for her team. She was living her best life!"

On the night of the game, the team covered all the bases. Myra, who turns 101 in September, got the VIP treatment — premium parking, great seats, free food and drinks! Hospice of the Valley nurse Kelly McGovern and social worker Renee Adams came along to monitor her oxygen and make sure Myra had the time of her life. Paul Piperata, her caregiver at Weyrich Health Care Center in Scottsdale, also joined the fun, and kindly arranged for a seven-passenger van with wheelchair access.



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Myra Blaker with her D-Backs jersey!

Myra's daughter, Laura, said she couldn't remember seeing her mom so excited. "The D-Backs hit a home-run with Mom. She loved every single minute and never stopped smiling!"

About the 5th inning, nurse Kelly started to wonder if the centenarian might want to leave early. "Not a chance," Myra insisted. "I won't miss a single play!"

Just when the baseball fanatic thought nothing could top the magical evening, D-Backs legend Luis Gonzalez came by to visit. "I can't believe they are making such a fuss over me!" she gushed.

"She will never forget this," said Renee. "At Hospice of the Valley, we're honored to help make our patients' dreams come true. We are so grateful to be part of this tremendous night."

Contact the team to learn more about the D-backs Wishes for Seniors program. To learn more about Hospice of the Valley, call (602) 530-6900 or visit hov.org.

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Myra Blaker (center) at the D-Backs home-opening game with (clockwise from left) daughter Laura, caregiver Paul Piperata, and Hospice of the Valley social worker Renee Adams and nurse Kelly McGovern.

Finding Hope After Incarceration

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filled.'"

"The whole reason we are attending this branch is because we read the first article about it in the Beehive Magazine last year," shared one member. "We've never felt so welcome. My husband was recently re-baptized and I don't know if it would have happened, if we hadn't found this branch. People are here because they want to be, they love the Lord and the spirit is so strong. It feels like home here."

The missionaries often pick up those who don't have vehicles so they may attend.

The Oak branch meets at 2:30 PM, on Sundays, and is located at 2222 North 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85008. While their geographic boundaries are the same as the Phoenix AZ East Stake, their "outreach" boundaries include all of Maricopa and Pinal Counties. For more information, contact Branch President Khyl Powell at 480-813-0627.

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